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SUBJECT: ESF MEETING FOLLOWUP

1. DEPARTMENT WILL SHORTLY CALL IN RICHARD SAMUELS OF UK EMBASSY TO REQUEST CONTINUED BRITISH CONTRIBUTION TO CAMBODIAN ESF FOR 1975. WE SHALL ARGUE THAT CONTRIBUTION NOT ONLY ECONOMICALLY USEFUL BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY NECESSARY AS (A) PROVIDING EXAMPLE CONTINUING UK SUPPORT OF GKR DESPITE REPLACEMENT UK AMBASSADOR WITH NON-RESIDENT ONE; (B) PROVIDING FOR CONTINUITY AND STABILITY IN CAMBODIA; AND HELPFUL IN EFFORTS TOWARD SEEKING A POLITICAL SOLUTION IN CAMBODIA. WE SHALL ALSO REITERATE ASSISTANCE SUCH CONTRIBUTION GIVE USG AND JAPANESE IN OBTAINING FUNDS FROM RESPECTIVE LEGISLATURES AND ENCOURAGEMENT UK PARTICIPATION GIVES TO SUCH DONORS AS MALAYSIA AND THAILAND.

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2. EMBASSY LONDON SHOULD MAKE SIMILAR APPROACH AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL OF HMG. WE ARE COGNIZANT OF RELUCTANCE BY UK TREASURY AND AID OFFICE TO GIVE THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE, BUT, AS IN LAOS, IT IS THE MOST USEFUL AND ESSENTIAL AT THIS TIME OF SURVIVAL AND SEARCH FOR PEACE.

3. FROM A PURELY ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW, IT COULD BE POINTED OUT FOR BENEFIT OF UK TREASURY THAT UK FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS FROM ESF-FINANCED SALES TO CAMBODIA ARE CONSIDERABLY GREATER THAN OUTLAYS FOR ESF CONTRIBUTION.
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